Renewable energy project of NTPC

3509. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has plans to invest more than Rs.2000 crores for setting up of over 1000 MW Renewable Energy Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether feasibility studies for the project have been completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) NTPC Ltd. has set a target of 1000 MW capacity up to 2017 using renewable energy resources such as sourcing Wind Energy, Hydro Energy, Solar (Photo Voltaic and Thermal) Energy, Biomass Energy, etc. NTPC has made a provision of investment to Rs.68 crores in 2009-10 (Revised Estimate) and Rs.480 crores in 2010-11 for developing Renewable Energy schemes.

(c) and (d) Feasibility Studies for the following Renewable Energy projects have been completed:

1. 100 MW wind Energy Project in Karnataka.

2. 8 MW Hydro energy Project in Uttar Pradesh.

3. 15 MW Solar energy project in Rajasthan.

Power shortage

3510. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) headed by Dr. C, Rangarajan has recently highlighted the problem of shortage of power which was well above 10 per cent during peak hours during the last decade followed by 11 per cent last year and 12.4 per cent for the current year;

(b) whether country's record in capacity addition has been below par and that the target for capacity addition during the current plan period set at 78,700 MW is unlikely to be met;

(c) whether EAC has called for great intervention of both the Centre and the States in capacity creation and other supportive components of the power sector; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC) has highlighted the problem of shortage of power in the country in the "Economic Outlook for 2009-10" brought out by EAC in October, 2009.

(b) Planning Commission had fixed a capacity addition target of 78,700 MW during the 11th Plan to meet the power requirement of the country. Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has recently